

Foggy Bottom News

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FB Units Sell for $1 Million+

During the month of December, at least eight properties in Foggy Bottom/West End were sold for a million dollars or more. Six apartments at the Ritz Carlton sold for between one and two million, with two topping three million. The latter two, as shown in the sales listing compiled for the News, were penthouse units with four or five bedrooms.

Address	Building Name	Unit	Sale Price	Description
1111 23rd Street	Ritz Carlton	8C	$1,200,000	2 BR/2.5 Bath
1155 23rd Street	Ritz Carlton	5C North	$1,180,000	2 BR/2.5 Bath
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1155 23rd Street	Ritz Carlton	8C North	$1,050,000	2 BR/2.5 Bath
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1155 23rd Street	Ritz Carlton	PH3F South	$3,650,000	5 BR/6.5 Bath
1155 23rd Street	Ritz Carlton	4C	$1,115,000	2 BR/2 Bath
922 24th Street	Jefferson House	313	$88,000	
922 24th Street	Jefferson House	813	$106,000	
910 25th Street			$399,000	2 BR/1 Bath
940 25th Street	Claridge House	409S	$53,460	
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940 25th Street	Claridge House	108S	$60,000	
2428 I Street			$579,900	2 BR/2 Bath
2600 Penn. Ave.		8D North	$565,000	2 BR/2 Bath
2700 Virginia Ave.	Watergate West	910	$340,000	2 BR/2 Bath

Source: Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc.
courtesy of Pardoe ERA

27th & K Renovation Meeting Planned

By Jack Evans, Ward 2 Councilmember

I am pleased to invite you to a meeting to design a new park at 27th and K Streets. This small piece of land has a big story—a story that should have a happy ending soon.

It started late in 1999 when a developer expressed interest in constructing an apartment building on a small parcel of land between the Whitehurst Freeway, Rock Creek Parkway, 26th and 27th Streets. Residents quickly organized to oppose the development and petitioned me to protect the park as open space. I worked to have the land transferred from the D.C. Department of Public Works to the Department of Parks and Recreation. I considered the matter closed when I received a memo from the Office of Property Management in July 2001 that the transfer to DPR had been finalized.

I was shocked to receive a letter from Edward Gable, President of the Griffin Condominium Association, saying that a parcel at 27th & K had been made into a parking lot for a D.C. Division of Transportation project. Apparently they had not considered the land transferred because the Federal Department of Transportation had not signed off on it. More lobbying ensued, resulting in an

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Update

Square 37 Residents, City Officials Meet

By Michael Malloy

Residents of Square 37 met with D.C. Office of Planning officials January 9 to express their concern that the square, which includes the West End Library, not be rezoned for higher density residential/commercial development.

Mary Dusing and Michael Malloy, who live at 1121 24th Street, met with OP Deputy Director Ellen McCarthy, Arthur Jackson and Ward 2 planner Chris Shaheen. Michele Molotsky from Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans' office set up the meeting and also attended.

"We are forming a tenants' association," said Dusing, who has lived in the West End since 1974 and at the 45-unit rental building since 1978.

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Snow Alert

There is always a chance we will have inclement weather (snow or icy conditions) on FBA meeting nights. If so, there will be a message on 337-5528 indicating whether or not the meeting will be held. (Perhaps luck will be with us, and this preparation will drive the bad weather away!) And when it snows residents are responsible for clearing their sidewalks. Often neighbors will lend shovels; students may help if you call the Newman Center (676-6855) or the GW Student Association (994-7100), depending on their schedules.

Final BZA Order Says 70% "On Campus"

GW Speeds Back to Federal Court

The final figure is 70%, meaning that by August 2002 The George Washington University must house 70% of its undergraduates either within its campus boundaries or outside of the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood. Further, by August 2006, 70% must live on the campus.

GWU Revives Court Case

However, on January 9, the university went back to Federal court and revived its "stayed and pending" complaint against provisions of the campus plan. It claims the order threatens the University's academic mission, students' rights and the admissions process. Because that process begins in March, an expedited hearing is being requested. The suit was filed against the city and the BZA; it will be defended by the Corporation Counsel's office.

One issue for GW is the order's provision which prevents the inclusion of off-campus Foggy Bottom student housing in the 70%, a ruling GWU says is illogical and unfair. Also, as GW's Senior Counsel Charles Barber told "By George," students grow older and more mature."

The Board also established an enrollment "base number" of 8000 undergraduates, making the University responsible for housing 5600. Only by providing one bed per student over that

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speaker:

Daniel P. McLean

Chief Executive Officer
George Washington University Hospital

Monday, January 28, 2002
The Melrose Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, February 25, 2002)
Speakers: Authors Andrew Carroll and Bill Gilbert



Letters

Cars on Sidewalk Are Illegal

These are my thoughts on the "Acts of Vandalism Not Isolated" piece in the Letters section of your December 2001 issue.

Although I don't challenge Ms. Ely's statement that her car was not "protruding out into the sidewalk" when someone put signs on it, I certainly have reservations. On several occasions before the incident, I couldn't help but notice a mid-size, reddish car and a dark-colored SUV alternatively parked at that location while extended over the public sidewalk.

It is unfortunate that someone decided to glue signs to Ms. Ely's vehicle. That matter aside, I must say that those in our community who have been proactive in placing signs on such illegally parked cars, and calling Parking Enforcement and the Police on those violations, should be applauded for their efforts. If not for them, many of our neighborhood sidewalks would be routinely used as parking spaces.

The placing of signs (without glue) on illegally parked cars in our neighborhood is not "trashing the neighborhood's character." The trashing occurs when cars are illegally parked, especially over public sidewalks.

Ms. Ely's "town-gown" reasoning is not well grounded. Illegal sidewalk parking is not defined by whether or not the offender is a GWU student. Parking over the public sidewalk, whether by student or non-student, is not only illegal, it is an act that denigrates the neighborhood.

Milton O. Maeda
Eye Street

St. Mary's Hosts IONA Lunch Program

All of us at St. Mary's Court invite Foggy Bottom residents to visit our IONA Lunch Program. We are here to serve the community for a nutritious and reasonably-priced midday meal, Monday-Friday. We are trying to build the attendance by augmenting the project in new and positive ways.

Beatrice Watson
Administrator

FBA Editorial Committee Meets

A new Editorial Committee, appointed by FBA President Jacqueline Lemire, met in January to discuss a variety of topics relating to the Foggy Bottom News. Among the subjects discussed were the paper's "mission" and how it is being met; advertising; layout and production ideas; and attracting more input from residents.

The committee is chaired "pro tem" by FBNews Editor Ellie Becker. Other members are Doug Abbey, Matt Berger, Monika Bernstein, and Kate McLeod, with FBA President Jacqueline Lemire and Ad Manager Rita Champagne as ex officio members.

Foggy Bottom Foods

A Recipe from the Past

This month's recipe comes from "by-gone days" and an article published in both the June 1959 and July-August 1993 FBNews. Featured were Greek cookies called Kolouria which were served by Marianthe Mellonas at a Foggy Bottom Association meeting, and she agreed to share the recipe with her neighbors. She and her husband Pete ran the Mellonas Restaurant at 2514 Pennsylvania Avenue, sorely missed by residents who regularly patronized this friendly neighborhood restaurant. The News heard recently from her friend Eric Ries who reported that she had asked for a copy of the article in the News, which she remembered well. We were happy to send it on for Mrs. Mellonas, who is recuperating from a recent fall.

Greek Cookies (Kolouria)

1/2 lb. butter
1/2 doz. eggs
3 tsp. vanilla
3-1/2 heaping tsp. baking powder
2 c. sugar
1/2 c. cream
9 c. (approx.) sifted flour

Cream butter, add sugar and vanilla. Beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs and continue to beat until blended. Add cream, and gradually add flour, kneading until dough can be rolled without sticking. Shape into twists. Brush cookies with beaten egg and bake at 350 degrees for approximately 20-30 minutes.

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FBNews Names Rita Champagne Ad Manager

Rita Champagne, longtime FB resident, has been named the Advertising Manager for the Foggy Bottom News. She started her newest community effort January 2, and she will be responsible for maintaining current advertisers and attracting new ones to the News. Ms. Champagne is a member of the FBA Board, and held posts as FBA Treasurer and as Chair of the Community Improvement Committee. She can be contacted at 293-1439 or via rchamp_1@msn.com.

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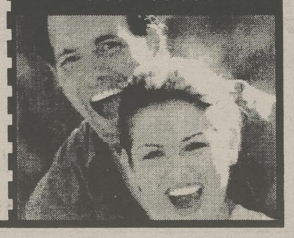
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Henrietta Zoltrow



Henrietta Zoltrow, 90, who formerly lived in the Jefferson House on 24th Street, died December 11 of complications from a stroke. In 1998 she moved to Sunrise Assisted Living in Rockville, having suffered from emphysema for several years.

Henrietta served on the Foggy Bottom Association Board from 1989 to 1994, including service as Membership Director (93-94), Vice President (92-93), and as chairman of the FBA Beautification Committee. Richard Price, FBA president at the time, said that she worked "with tenacity and zeal." After determining that residents were concerned about rats and slipshod handling of trash, she first left in offenders' mailboxes a brochure about trash rules. "If they didn't 'clean up' their act, she then knocked on their doors to educate them politely about their obligations. If the bad behavior persisted she called the city to have them ticketed. Henrietta thereafter referred to herself as Chair of the Trash and Rats Committee. She cared about Foggy Bottom (and Washington) enormously, and I wish we had more residents with her dedication to help with our issues."

A special interest was work on behalf of seniors. She also was a volunteer for the Democratic Party. Her support for former Mayor Marion Barry far outlasted his time in office.

During her long career as an independent insurance broker, she won several awards from the industry, including an honorary lifetime membership in the Metropolitan Washington Association of Independent Insurance Agents. A graduate of the University of Havana, she attended high school in Washington. During World War II she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and quickly attained the rank of staff sergeant. In later life she was active in the Jewish War Veterans and with the United Jewish Appeal.

Mary Brewster, who knew Henrietta for many years, told the News: "When I think of Henrietta I always smile. When she spoke at the FBA monthly meetings everybody listened. She had a special way of expressing herself. She was always frank, held strong views about preserving Foggy Bottom, and contributed to making it a more pleasant place to live."

Her funeral service was marked by warm and often funny stories related by friends and relatives, who spoke of her generosity to family and friends, as well as her devotion to the city and to Foggy Bottom. During the eulogy, those attending were reminded of her generosity as well as her prudence in financial matters, illustrated by her traveling to New York on a Greyhound bus to purchase her first mink coat.

All those attending the service agreed that her life had been lived to the fullest, full of warmth and service. Foggy Bottom residents who knew and admired her agree.



Henrietta Zoltrow works at an FBA white elephant sale.

Vera Kunsak

Vera M. Kunsak, 92, a longtime resident of the 2100 block of F Street, died in early December as a result of a fire in her bedroom. Her neighbor, Lucille Molinelli, said she and her late husband had been scientists originally from Russia. She is survived by a niece and a nephew.

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FBA Schedules Board Election in February

Due to the death of Olga Corey, at the February FBA meeting a new Board member will be elected to serve out her term. Under the Bylaws, notice of at least 15 days is required of the proposed election. The Executive Board will consider possible nominees, and other nominations by FBA members prior to or at the February meeting are invited.

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agreement to move the equipment. Moreover, the Transportation Division has agreed to fund the renovation of the property.

I am holding a meeting for residents to discuss priorities for the park's renovation. It will be held on Thursday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m., at the St. Stephen Martyr Church Hall, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (use 25th Street entrance). Representatives from Transportation, Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Planning will attend.

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GWU Hospital CEO at January Meeting

As the new George Washington University hospital building nears completion, Daniel P. McLean will give Foggy Bottom residents a "first-hand" report at the FBA meeting on Monday, January 28. The meeting will be held at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m. All residents are welcome.



McLean took over as chief executive officer of the hospital in August 2000, and is overseeing its final two years of construction. It is scheduled to open in August 2002. Prior to being appointed at GW, he served for three years at the McAllen Medical Center, a 490-bed, award-winning hospital in south Texas.

A graduate of the Air Force Academy, McLean has a cum laude masters degree in health care administration from the University of Houston. During his 23 years in health care, he served in several hospitals in the Los Angeles area. He has been with Universal Health Services, which manages and owns 80% of GWU Hospital, since 1994.

Prior to McLean's presentation, there will be a discussion of plans for Square 37, the block containing the West End Library. Property owners in that block are urging the city to rezone the southern half of that block for higher density residential/commercial development. (See separate article in this issue.)

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Act Requires Notice Before Tree Removal

The D.C. Council has approved legislation entitled the "Tree Protection Amendment Act of 2000," which mandates a seven-day notice prior to the removal of any tree on public land. The pertinent section states "unless the tree is dead or dangerous and in the need of immediate removal, the Department of Public Works, Tree and Landscape Division," is to provide a notice to be displayed on the tree seven days before removal, excluding weekends and holidays. The Council also increased the fine for injuring a tree from $50 to $500.

Residents in the city who cherish its trees agree this bill was needed to prevent destruction of trees by developers and others without the knowledge of the public.

"Economic development is not an *event,* but a *growing,* self-sustaining process of proliferation of new economic activity sparked by the initial investment; it results in attracting additional tax-paying permanent residents who want to live in the city. This sharply contrasts with GWU which largely supports the retail trade of hotels, restaurants, entertainment and gift shops serving students, short-term visitors and tourists, of which this city has already an abundance. What this town needs is more tax-paying permanent residents. But the university's expansion has soaked up scarce residential land that could otherwise be available for them."*

*Excerpt, "Growth and Expansion of Private Universities in the District of Columbia: The Case of George Washington University; An Economics Primer," by Sol Shalit, Professor Emeritus of Economics and Finance, The University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee School of Business Administration

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number could the university exceed the 8000 base. In addition, no approvals for campus buildings which do not contain housing will be allowed if the university is not in compliance with the provisions of the Final Order.

According to the order, GWU had enrolled 8044 undergraduates as of the 2001-2002 academic year, but had only 4108 beds on campus, forcing almost half to find housing outside the campus. The Board also found that "students had effectively turned apartment houses into dormitories and townhouses into fraternity houses. Such large transient populations . . . undermine the residential stability of the already fragile Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhoods."

OP Gave Strong Support

The "Final Order on Remand" for the GWU campus plan was issued by the Board of Zoning Adjustment on December 21, wrapping up two years of meetings, filings, testimony, and controversy. Strong support from the D.C. Office of Planning which termed the stability of residential Foggy Bottom "at the tipping point," as well as extensive testimony from ANC-2A, the FBA and other residents, evidently convinced the BZA of the need to control the University's expansion into the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood.

In the near term, by the fall of 2002 the University must arrange for housing for about 1000-1500 undergraduates outside of Foggy Bottom, since by the terms of the order the Foggy Bottom buildings used by GW, that is, students in the Aston, Pennsylvania House and the former Howard Johnson and St. James (as well as those placed in Columbia Plaza by GW), cannot be counted toward the 70%. The Board felt that given GW's testimony that "lack of money [for dormitories] is not an issue," there should be "no major impediment to the University's acquisition of housing . . . outside Foggy Bottom/West End by next fall."

Campus Boundaries Changed Slightly

The BZA altered the boundaries of the campus to include the Dakota at 2100 F Street, Riverside Towers at 2201 Virginia Avenue, several townhouses near 22nd and F Streets, and most of Square 43 at 23rd and Virginia. The University has plans, which have been approved by the Zoning Commission, to erect a 700-bed dormitory on Square 43, as well as a 200-bed structure on the Smith Center parking lot across the street. Depending on decisions of the Zoning Commission on GW's 1957 E Street project, that building in which GW proposes to include 193 beds for students, may become part of the campus.

Other provisions, "intended to mitigate . . . adverse impacts," include:

—requirements for increased record-keeping and reporting by GW on its student population and its housing;
—establishment of a university/community Advisory Committee;
—reiteration of the policy requirement to make university projects "compatible with and sensitive to" adjacent non-University structures.

The 23-page report repeatedly reiterated findings of the Board that university expansion is threatening the existence of Foggy Bottom/West End as a viable, tax-producing residential neighborhood. Many residents, while always hoping for more relief, applaud the strength of the order's language, and the giant steps made for our area.

These giant steps, of course, are threatened by the University's Federal court complaint.

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Square 37 and IMF Talks Continue

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"Planning told us the city's Comprehensive Plan has a higher density zoning [for the square], but that's not what we want. Development has wiped out most of the residential character of the West End over the years, and we're about the last affordable housing left, as the ANC noted in its [Nov. 7] report."

After hearing citizens' concerns at the December FBA meeting, Councilmember David Catania wrote a letter December 14 to Planning Director Andrew Altman and zoning officials stating his support for the ANC-2A's unanimous resolution of November 13 against any rezoning of Square 37.

There is likely to be a zoning hearing on the issue soon but the battle may also turn to the political side. City officials would have to alter the Comprehensive Plan, as the citizens want, or sign off on alley closings or the sale of the city land at the Library and adjacent Police Special Operations station, as developers led by James Pedas may seek. Despite rumors of a development plan, there is none on file, planning officials said on January 9. The FBA will set aside time to discuss Square 37 at its January 28 meeting.

Hearings Continue on IMF Building

The Zoning Commission has held one hearing on the application of the International Monetary Fund for a zoning change for its proposed second downtown office building at 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, most recently occupied by PEPCO. At the session January 7 the Commission heard from the proponents, and scheduled a second session for January 24 and possibly another for January 28, both to start at 6:30 p.m. at Judiciary Square.

The IMF is requesting approval for a 130-foot building and high density commercial usage, with office space for up to 1500 persons. Residents were scheduled to testify at the January 24 hearing, and at issue are matters such as community amenities required by the increased zoning, heavier traffic congestion, and concerns about the dangers of future protests at the site.

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Foggy Bottom Folks

A most prominent FB Folkperson was "honored" at the December FBA meeting. Councilmember David Catania was on hand to witness the presentation of a cuddly stuffed dog to longtime resident and ANC Commissioner **Dorothy Miller.** The dog sported an appropriate "dogtag" with the appelation "Dorothy, Foggy Bottom Watchdog."



Dorothy Miller and Dorothy, the Foggy Bottom Watchdog

The end of 2001 brought to a close the opportunity for FB residents to take advantage of a local **Jazzercise** class held at Columbia Plaza. The nationally-known aerobics program began in Foggy Bottom about 10 years ago at West End Place, then at St. Stephen's, and most recently in the Virginia Avenue apartment complex. Declining participation caused the class to close, due at least partially to the increasing numbers of GW students in the area who can use university facilities, along with a decrease in working adults who form the potential Jazzercise market. The instructor was **David Villano,** who was rated one of the best teachers in the area. He and the class will be missed.



Doubletree manager Bob Oursler serves dessert to St. Mary's residents Charlotte Trounson and Cleo Long.

Watergate Gallery & Frame Design is taking a winter break from show-opening parties, but continues to exhibit work by some favorite artists, including FB's own Bill D'Italia, Eva Jacob and Charles Bolmar. Owner **Dale Johnson** welcomes to the gallery a new artist, David Rothermel, one of whose landscapes is owned by President and Mrs. Bush. Rothermel will be featured in a one-artist show in April, providing a new affordable lease for the Gallery can be negotiated by the end of February.

Doubletree Hotel, at New Hampshire and H Sts., spoils its guests each night with a very special chocolate chip cookie made from a small Atlanta bakery's recipe. In December, the suite hotel expanded its goodie array to include pumpkin pie, pecan pie, a huge decorated cake, and several other desserts, and served them to the community at St. Mary's Court. A jovial Santa Claus arrived on Station 23's fire engine, greeted by residents of the Court and others from the Foggy Bottom community. General Manager **Bob Oursler** was on hand, as well as Director of Sales **Tanya Conry**.

September 11 had a special impact on the manager **Joe Stankavage** and the staff of the **Fitness Company** located in the Monarch Hotel at 24th & M Streets. On that day the company lost a facility in the Marriott Hotel in one of the towers, a terrific blow to all the staff of the corporation all over the country.

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Letter from London

By Sheridan Strickland

On September 16, 2001, a service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England, remembering the tragedies of September 11. Sheridan Strickland, who is living in London with her husband, former FBA President Michael Thomas, wrote this poignant report of her experience that day.

As I rounded the corner at St. Paul's Cathedral, my heart sank. It was only 9:45 on this bright, clear fall morning, but already the queue stretched as far as I could see. Would I be among the first 2,400 people that St. Paul's could seat at capacity? It had been such a draining week with the horror of the largest terrorist attack in history. I just wanted to attend this special "Service of Remembrance with the American Community in the United Kingdom" requested of St. Paul's by the American Embassy and Queen Elizabeth.

I took my place in the queue. It was a somber experience, nothing like the normal babble and laughter characteristic of people passing time waiting in line. Around me there seemed to be mainly English accents, with only the occasional American one. The service also invited Brits who had lost relatives and friends. Many firms in the financial City of London had offices in New York City. One firm, Cantor Fitzgerald, occupied some of the top floors in one of the towers. The only remaining employees are those who were not at work on 11 September; the other 700 are presumed dead. No wonder I found myself amidst both English and American accents.

Profound Sadness Describes It Best

It is hard to characterize my own state of mind waiting in line. Perhaps profound sadness describes it best. The first two days I had spent glued to the television, unable to tear myself away from the unbelievable pictures. By the miracle of e-mail, Michael and I had determined quickly that none of our friends or family had been tragically in the wrong place at the wrong time. Therefore I never felt that gut-wrenching hysteria that takes hold when you realize your loved one is missing or dead. Neither have I felt that flailing anger I have seen in others on television, nor the bigoted lashing out at all Muslims for the sins of the few. No, for me it was a deep sadness that seemed to enfold me, to make smiling or laughing impossible, to make even conversation about anything other than the tragedy seem trivial.

As we moved our way through tight security checkpoints with myriad police all around the whole cathedral, it struck me how orderly everything was. What a contrast to what I had seen at the Pentagon and at the towers. There was no rushing to get in or out, no crying, no dust, no smoke. It was a bright, sunny day at this magnificent edifice designed by Sir Christopher Wren. My gloom seemed to lift a bit just waiting in line surrounded by people who wanted to come together to share some peace in a chaotic world. At 10:30, the Great West Door opened, and the crowd began to enter. I could see by the numbers ahead of me that I would make it into the cathedral.

Queen Showed Her Solidarity

The ushers gave me a beautifully-printed booklet describing exactly the order of service. At 11:58 the Lord Mayor would greet Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, and then proceed up the steps to the Great West Door. There the Dean and Chapter and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York would receive them. I was just five seats from the aisle, so it was clear I would be as close as I ever expected to come to these dignitaries. I had not expected to see the Queen at all, assuming that she would enter through a separate entrance near her seat far in front of my view. Not so. I came to understand the Queen knows very well her appearance as a show of solidarity with people in need makes them feel less alone in their sorrow. Seeing this iconic example of perpetual monarchy dressed in a simple black suit and hat made me realize what it meant to the Brits when King George VI and the now-Queen Mum would not leave London during the Blitz. People need reassuring symbols in crisis, and the Windsors have provided that in great measure.

I will treasure the lovely printed order of service, and often go back to it to remember how this ceremony affected me. At first, I was afraid I would not make it because I had brought only one handkerchief. I started crying as the Queen passed, so moved was I that she seemed in her kindly expression-filled face to understand my sorrow. Then the organ began the Star-Spangled Banner, which had never before been sung in St. Paul's. How appropriate, as a sign that this was a service to help Americans whether the music was "sacred" or not. Tears flowed freely around me, probably because this patriotic song made us feel that expressions of emotions were okay after what our country had gone through. But also, the Star-Spangled Banner represents hope and survival. I flashed to the picture I had just seen in the newspaper of three firefighters hoisting an American flag on top of a mound of grimly twisted rubble. I am not sure these men had ever seen the Iwo Jima memorial; they just had created spontaneously its clone.

At this point I was afraid that my emotional system could not take much more, but the crying gave me a strange sense of calm and strength. Through the first Lesson (read by the Ambassador of the United States William Farish), choir singing (perfectly blended young and old voices, the pre-adolescent boys supplying the sweetest sounds of all), and then the Second Lesson (read by the Duke of Edinburgh), I began to realize I would emerge whole and stronger due to this service, and we as a country would make it through this tragedy.

Speaker Provides Comfort and Courage

The most dramatic and pitch-perfect speech I have every heard lasted only about ten minutes. The Archbishop of Canterbury is an incredible speaker, able to sense the mood and provide comfort with his words and his sonorous tone. He lifted our hearts and our courage by referring to what we would have seen if we had been in New York City as the smoke around the towers dissipated: across the water we would have seen the Statue of Liberty. She was still there, holding her torch high, a symbol of our great land. He gave us all confidence that we could go on, that we would go on, that we had our special British friends to help us as we had helped them in two world wars. It was the most incredibly moving oratory I think I will ever hear.

Within ten seconds of his leaving the podium, the organ struck the opening bars of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. It was the assembled's chance to sing out our newfound strength, to get our voices back from our mute sorrow. And we did, more than two thousand strong inside the cathedral, and many, many more outside. It was a turning point for me.

After the blessing, the ending song was "God Save the Queen," again a perfect choice. The Brits could sing their words, and the Americans could sing "My Country Tis of Thee" since both share the same tune. Which did I sing? I sang to the Queen and for everything special in this my temporary home. I sang in appreciation of the support and solace I received from this service. St. Paul's showed once again that nobody can best the Brits when it comes to carrying off ceremonies flawlessly.



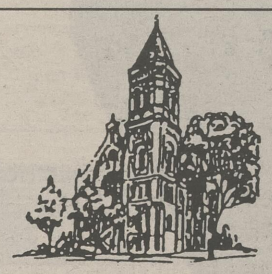
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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, January 28: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Daniel P. McLean, Chief Executive Officer, GWU Hospital, as featured speaker, outlining plans for its opening in late summer. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. All residents welcome. 7:30 p.m.*

Friday, February 1: Exhibition opening, featuring Gwendolyn D. Aqui's "Visions Through Color" and Marc Berghaus's "Nature, Chance and Spirituality." Aqui's work is in mixed media, and Berghaus' designs use glass, wood, and metal. The work of both artists will be on display through February 23. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. Contact: Cheryl Kempler, 331-7282, ext. 14. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 7: "Traditional and Alternative Approaches to Pain Management," presented by John Pan, M.D., May Chin, M.D. and Kathleen Buckley, R.N. The session will include discussion of energy medicine (acupuncture and reiki), body work (chiropractic massage and yoga), and mind/body techniques (medication, spirituality, and imagery). GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 7: Meeting scheduled by Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans to discuss priorities for the renovation of the parkland area at 27th & K Streets currently being used as a Division of Transportation equipment parking lot. St. Stephen Martyr Church Hall, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue (use 25th Street entrance). 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday, February 10: Father Val's Annual Pre-Lenten Pancake Breakfast, featuring "all you can eat" for $6.00. St. Stephen Martyr Church Hall, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue (enter on 25th Street). 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20: Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-A meeting. Contact: 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 25: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring two authors, Andrew Carroll and Bill Gilbert. Carroll's newest book is "War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars," and Gilbert's is "Ship of Miracles," recounting one merchant ship's "miraculous" evacuation of Korean refugees. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

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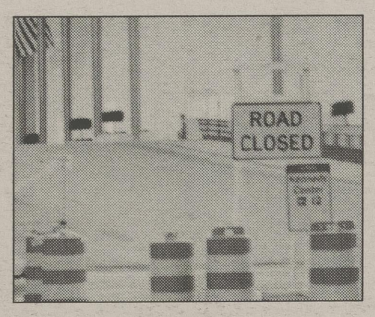
Following is the News' first column about the "actions and efforts" of Foggy Bottom residents to clean up, fix up, brighten up—and otherwise make changes in our neighborhood.

—Street Cleaning Project. Tom Bower, chair of the FBA Community Improvement Committee, arranged with the Department of Public Works for the cleaning of some of the streets in our area, which has rarely if ever been done. Because it requires a parking ban, the holiday week was chosen, and the appropriate signs went up. Parking on one side of the street was banned on December 27, and the



other on December 28. And into Foggy Bottom the large sweeper came, as scheduled. Unfortunately, many thoughtless motorists parked anyway, defeating the effort and many of the violators did not receive tickets except on the second day. The leaf pickup however, some weeks earlier, was most efficiently done and a large DPW crew made quick work of lots of accumulated leaves in the gutters and those raked, as requested, into the tree space area between the sidewalk and the street.

—Kennedy Center. Major traffic changes have been



made, as anticipated, at the Kennedy Center. The wide driveway ramp at New Hampshire and F Streets was closed just before Christmas, and is open only to pedestrians via a sidewalk now on the east side. Motorists wishing to reach the front of the Center now enter a driveway on 25th Street south of the Saudi Embassy building. As usual during construction, not-so-attractive board fences and the ubiquitous Jersey barriers are now part of the picture.

—2600 Block of Eye Street. Several residents have asked DPW to attend to what appears to be a dumping ground in the 2600 block of Eye Street. The accumulation evidently was not placed by those who live there, but by opportunists who spied a way to get rid of unwanted items. Residents who have large items to discard should call 727-1000 for a bulk pickup; DPW will gladly schedule one.

—27th & K. Ed Gable of the Griffin continues to ask the Division of Transportation to remove the equipment stored on the parkland at this site. DOT's promises to clear it out are delayed, according to sources, by the inability to locate another site to hold equipment to be used to repair streets in Georgetown. Both Councilmembers Carol Schwartz and Jack Evans are working on the matter. Mr. Evans has scheduled a meeting February 7 to discuss the future of the park area.

—Make note of MPD e-mails. Lts. David Hutchinson and Philip Lanciano have provided their e-mail addresses to facilite contact with them. Lt. Hutchinson heads PSA 207 (west of 22nd Street), and Lt. Lanciano's PSA 208 stretches east of 22nd Street. For 207: MPDCPSA 207@hotmail.com. For 208: Planciano.2D-Post@MPDC.org. Since these are "secured" to block "spam," try again if your first try is unsuccessful.

New Valet Open in Columbia Plaza

It's a pleasure to welcome a new business to Foggy Bottom, the recently reopened Columbia Plaza Valet. It is run by Jae Im Chong, who has



worked for several dry cleaning establishments here and in her native Korea. Jae has been in the U.S. since 1985 and is proud of her U.S. citizenship. Other family members are involved in the shop. Her son, Wan, is with her in the shop at least two days a week when he is not taking classes at Northern Virginia Community College. Her husband has been a tailor for 30 years, had a tailoring shop in Korea and now has a shop in Burke, Virginia, near their home. They also have a 10-year old son.

Wan reported to the News that garments brought to the valet are sent out to a facility which uses no harsh, cancer-causing chemicals, is environmentally safe, and much better for delicate fabrics, buttons and other attachments.



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An open letter from the President of The George Washington University to the Foggy Bottom Community

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Dear Neighbors:

As The George Washington University marks its 90th anniversary in Foggy Bottom in 2002, I invite you to join us in celebration of this milestone. We welcome especially the participation of our neighbors, who have shared in bringing to fruition the accomplishments of nine decades in the 181-year history of GW.

The evolution of Foggy Bottom is a source of pride to the University and to the District of Columbia. GW and its neighbors have flourished in unison. We have both participated in the remarkable improvements to the landscape and cityscape of this neighborhood. And I attribute much of its vigor to the infusion of youthful vitality and community-spirited activities that are intrinsic to a university's mission.

When GW moved here in 1912, occupying first an old school building between 20th and 21st Streets, Foggy Bottom was largely an industrial area, home to the Abner-Drury Brewery, the Heurich Brewery, Washington Gas Light Company's gasworks, and a coal yard. The passing years have seen a transformation: industrial sites have been replaced by offices, town-houses, apartments, urban parks, and University facilities. The richness and diversity of this mix has made Foggy Bottom a vibrant place to work, study, and reside. We are truly an exceptional community.

In recognition of our 90 years in Foggy Bottom, I invite you to attend the special events that will mark this occasion. We are planning academic programs, anniversary publications, and the establishment of a Foggy Bottom museum located on GW's campus. I look forward to welcoming you to celebrations of our community and the vitality that is its hallmark.

Cordially,

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg
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